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SUBJ: KAWASAKI INDUSTRY PLANS FOR SHIP REPAIR FACILITY

REF: COMNAVBASE SUBIC BAY 060307Z DEC 73 (NOTAL)

1. JAPANESE FIRM KAWASAKI HEAVY INDUSTRIES PRESENTLY CONDUCTING PRELIMINARY STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING SHIP REPAIR FACILITY IN THE PHILIPPINES. FACILITY WOULD BE DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE SUPERTANKERS UP TO 400 THOUSAND D.W.T. AND COULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE SHIPBUILDING AT APPROPRIATE TIME. TOTAL INVESTMENT WOULD BE IN RANGE OF \$50 MILLION. ACCORDING TO KAWASAKI LOCAL REP, PROJECT IS SUPPORTED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS, WHO REPORTEDLY INVITED KAWASAKI OFFICIALS TO PHILIPPINES.

2. MOST LIKELY LOCATION FOR FACILITY APPEARS TO BE SUBIC BAY. KAWASAKI GROUP IS THINKING IN TERMS OF LOCATING DRYDOCK ON PEQUENA ISLANDS WHICH WOULD BE LEVELLED) AND CONSTRUCTING BALANCE OF FACILITY ON FILLED AREA BETWEEN ISLAND AND NEARBY MAINLAND.

KAWASAKI HAD IDENTIFIED SUBIC BAY AS POTENTIAL SITE

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DURING SURVEY ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.

3. AT REQUEST EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR, U.S. NAVAL
BASE AT SUBIC ARRANGED FOR VISIT ON DECEMBER 10 BY
KAWASAKI TEAM. PROGRAM INCLUDED CALL ON RADM.
SHELTON AND TOUR OF SUBIC SHIP REPAIR FACILITY.
SECRETARY MELCHOR'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED AND WE ARE
PROVIDING (WITH ASSISTANCE SUBIC AND OTHER U.S. MILITARY
ELEMENTS) READILY AVAILABLE DATA ON SUCH THINGS AS
WEATHER, TIDES AND OTHER HYDROGRAPHIC FEATURES,
CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND SOIL CONDITIONS IN SUBIC BAY AREA
AND WAGE RATES AT SHIP REPAIR FACILITY.
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